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SUBJECT: THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP

REFS: A. MONROVIA 1190; B. STATE 44008

1. INTEND TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT, MINISTER FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS TOWNSEND, AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER SHERMAN LATER TODAY TO CONVEY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF B.
2. DEPT SHOULD KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT TOWNSEND CALLED ON ME AT MY RESIDENCE LAST NIGHT (MONDAY, 20 FEB) ABOUT 2030 HOURS TO SAY THAT GENERAL OBASANJO HAD INFORMED PRESIDENT TOLBERT DURING NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE'S VISIT HERE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE COMING TO LIBERIA FOLLOWING HIS STOP IN NIGERIA. TOWNSEND'S MISSION IN CALLING ON ME WAS TO VERIFY THIS INFORMATION.
2. I SAID THAT, AS HE KNEW, WE HAD HOPED THE PRESIDENT WOULD INCLUDE LIBERIA IN HIS TRIP TO AFRICA BUT THAT I AT THAT TIME DID NOT HAVE PRECISE INFORMATION AS TO THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE.
3. IN PREPARATION FOR MY MEETING LATER TODAY WITH LIBERIAN OFFICIALS, I WOULD LIKE CLARIFICATION OF INFO UNDER PARAS 4 AND NINE. UNDER 4, SCHEDULE HAS PRESIDENT CARTER'S PARTY ARRIVING LIBERIA AT 1020 HOURS AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT

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TOLBERT AT 1130 HOURS. IS THIS CORRECT OR WOULD MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT BEGIN AT 1030 HOURS, WITH WORKING LUNCH STARTING AT 1130? UNDER PARA 9, PLEASE CONFIRM WHETHER THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY AND PRESS "MAY NUMBER BETWEEN 450 AND 500 PEOPLE." REPLY BY NIACT IMMEDIATE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
CARTER

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